

REMARKS

[0003] Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of all of the claims of the application. Claims 1-34 are presently pending. Claims amended herein are 1, 17, 23, 26, and 30. Claims withdrawn or cancelled herein are 2-3, and 18. New claims added herein are none.

Statement of Substance of Interview

[0004] The Examiner graciously talked with me—the undersigned representative for the Applicant—on July 24, 2007. Applicant greatly appreciates the Examiner’s willingness to talk. Such willingness is invaluable to both of us in our common goal of an expedited prosecution of this patent application.

[0005] During the interview, I discussed how the claims differed from the cited art, namely Smith. Without conceding the propriety of the rejections and in the interest of expediting prosecution, I also proposed several possible clarifying amendments.

[0006] The Examiner did not indicate whether that clarification regarding using a common markup language to map classes and properties specified in the mark-up language to an instantiated tree of objects across the respective groups distinguished the independent claims over the cited art, namely Smith. The Examiner indicated that he would need to review the cited art more carefully and/or do another search, and requested that the proposed amendments be presented in writing.

[0007] Applicant herein amends the claims in the manner discussed during the interview. Accordingly, Applicant submits that the pending claims are allowable over the cited art of record for at least the reasons discussed during the interview.

Formal Request for an Interview

[0008] If the Examiner's reply to this communication is anything other than allowance of all pending claims, then I formally request an interview with the Examiner. I encourage the Examiner to call me—the undersigned representative for the Applicant—so that we can talk about this matter so as to resolve any outstanding issues quickly and efficiently over the phone.

[0009] Please contact me or my assistant to schedule a date and time for a telephone interview that is most convenient for both of us. While email works great for us, I welcome your call to either of us as well. Our contact information may be found on the last page of this response.

Claim Amendments and Additions

[0010] Without conceding the propriety of the rejections herein and in the interest of expediting prosecution, Applicant amends claims 1, 17, 23, 26, and 30 herein.

Formal Matters

[0011] This section addresses any formal matters (e.g., objections) raised by the Examiner.

Specification

[0012] The Examiner objects to paragraph beginning at page 59, line 15 of the specification for failing to include the federal registration mark for the term Java©. Herein, Applicant amends these paragraphs, as shown above, to correct the informalities noted by the Examiner.

Substantive Matters

Claim Rejections under § 101

[0013] Claims 1-22 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter. In light of the amendments presented herein, Applicant respectfully submits that these claims comply with the patentability requirements of § 101 and that the § 101 rejections should be withdrawn. The Applicant further asserts that these claims are allowable. Accordingly, Applicant asks the Examiner to withdraw these rejections.

[0014] If the Examiner maintains the rejection of these claims, then the Applicant requests additional guidance as to what is necessary to overcome the rejection.

Claim Rejections under §§ 102 and/or 103

[0015] Claims 1-34 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Publication No. 2003/0028685 to Smith. In light of the amendments presented herein and the decisions/agreements reached during the above-discussed Examiner interview, Applicant submits that these rejections are moot. Accordingly, Applicant asks the Examiner to withdraw these rejections.

[0016] Each independent claim has been amended to include a similar element. Specifically, each independent claim now includes the element that the groups of services are integrated “using a common markup language to map classes and properties specified in the markup language to an instantiated tree of objects across” the respective groups. Smith does not disclose this additional element. Smith makes no mention of mapping classes and properties at all. As such, Smith does not teach explicitly or inherently each element of the independent claims. Support for this amendment can be found at page 43, lines 4 through 13.

Dependent Claims

[0017] In addition to its own merits, each dependent claim is allowable for the same reasons that its base claim is allowable. Applicant requests that the Examiner withdraw the rejection of each dependent claim where its base claim is allowable.

Conclusion

[0018] All pending claims are in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and prompt issuance of the application. If any issues remain that prevent issuance of this application, the **Examiner is urged to contact me before issuing a subsequent Action.** Please call/email me or my assistant at your convenience.

Respectfully Submitted,

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